

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 1, 2003 in the above-identified application, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1, 9-12 and 23 drawn to a method to treat atherosclerosis by administering a composition comprising cystatin C. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 9-12, and 23 are under consideration.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact either of the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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